

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Former Site of Weber Greenhouse Survey Number: G- IV-A-262
Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name _____ Date _____
Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The former site of the Weber Greenhouse Complex demonstrates the significance and importance of this major local industry for the Oakland area. The H. Weber & Sons Company was an extensive greenhouse and florist operation situated between Oakland and Mountain Lake Park south of MD 135. In the 1870s, German immigrant Henry Weber established this large greenhouse complex on 100 acres of land located on the outskirts of Oakland. Weber was a nationally-recognized horticulturalist whose varieties of chrysanthemums and carnations won numerous awards at flower shows throughout the United States. The greenhouse operation produced vegetables and potted plants in addition to a large selection of cut flowers. All that remains above ground of this once-extensive complex are large piles of rubble and two tall smokestacks that vented the complex's steam-heating system.

This complex is associated with the life of a person who was significant to the Oakland area's past and is also associated with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. The surviving architectural ruins do not represent a particularly distinctive type, period, or method of construction, nor do they represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. Archaeological investigation of this resource at some future date may be likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Gabrielle M. Lanier/KCI Technologies, Inc.


Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

8/1/98
Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable


Reviewer, NR program

Date

Former site of Weber Greenhouse Complex
G-IV-A-262
110 Weber Road
Oakland Vicinity
Established 1870; Razed 1978
Private

This site contains the ruins of the former Weber greenhouses, which were torn down in 1978. The site originally supported twenty-two greenhouses and served as the base of operations for this local business which was established in 1870. The most prominent surviving features are two tall chimney stacks. Several remnants of concrete foundations and piles of wood and glass rubble are also scattered across the surrounding area. The Weber Greenhouse site is located about one-quarter of a mile northeast of the CSX Railroad tracks and about one mile southeast of Oakland.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Former site of Weber Greenhouse Complex

2. Location

street & number 110 Weber Road _____ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Flowers by Webers Inc.

street & number Box 446 telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550-446

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 78-21-580

city, town Oakland liber and folio 385/360

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This site contains the ruins of the former Weber greenhouses, which were torn down in 1978. The site originally supported twenty-two greenhouses and served as the base of operations for this local business which was established in 1870. It is located about one-quarter of a mile northeast of the CSX Railroad tracks and about one mile southeast of Oakland.

Two tall chimney stacks are the most prominent surviving features. One of the stacks is constructed of red brick and is circular in plan, tapering slightly toward the top. The name "WEBER" appears vertically on one side. The second stack is square in plan and is built of poured reinforced concrete. Several remnants of concrete foundations and piles of wood and glass rubble are scattered across the surrounding area.

The land on which these buildings stood is flat and largely open. A school is presently under construction at the rear of the original greenhouse site.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates Est. 1870; Razed 1978 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:	Western Maryland
Chronological/Developmental Period(s):	Industrial / Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930 Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
Historic Period Theme(s):	Agriculture and Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
Resource Type:	
Category:	Site
Historic Environment:	Rural / suburban
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Commercial greenhouses
Known Design Source:	None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 5.94 acres

Acreage surveyed 5.94 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 580, Map 78, Parcel 580

11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
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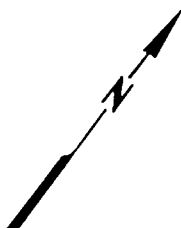
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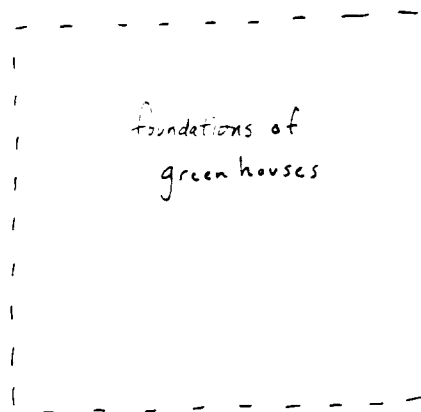
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OLD 219 (Weber Rd.)



□ RC chimney stack



⊙ "Weber"
chimney

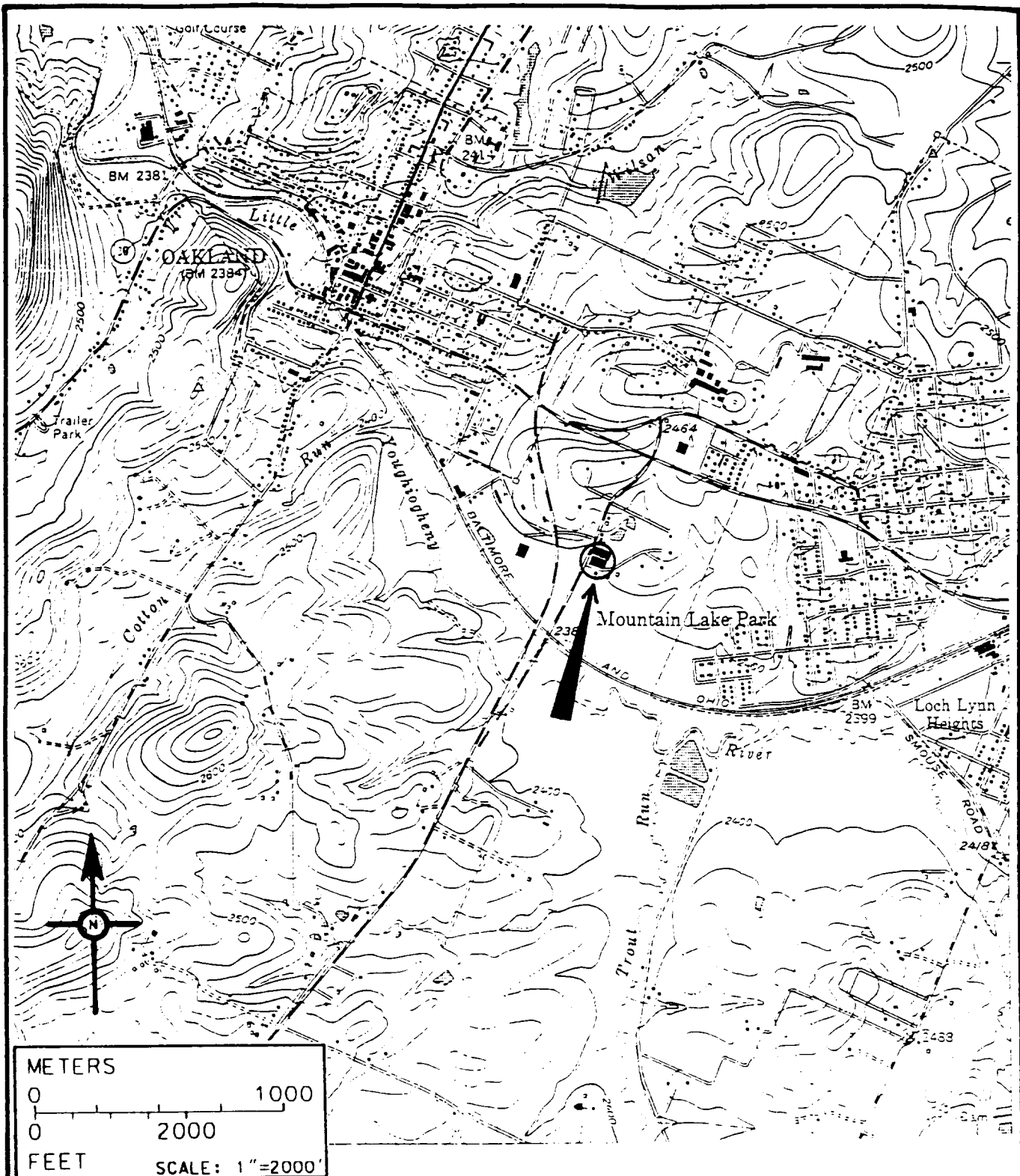
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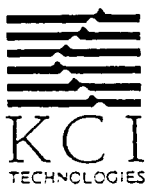
Resource Sketch Map

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Site of Weber Greenhouse Complex
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



Location Map

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 Site of Weber Greenhouse Complex
 Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County
 Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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